

FISCAL NOTE

SJR 17

February 11, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Education, Children's Services, the TennCare Bureau, and the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth conduct a study of current services and programs available for children with autism and their families and prepare a proposal for a comprehensive statewide plan for coordinating services to children with autism and their families. This proposal shall be presented no later than November 1, 2003 in the form of a report to a special joint committee consisting of 3 members of the Senate and 3 members of the House of Representatives. This special joint committee shall review the report and recommend any necessary legislation to the 103rd General Assembly no later than January 15, 2004, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,317 Each One Day Meeting

Per Diem (6 members @ \$128)	\$ 768
Average Round-Trip Mileage (6 members @ \$.32 x 286 miles)	<u>549</u>
Average Estimated Increase in State Expenditures for Each One Day Meeting	<u>\$1,317</u>

Any increase in state expenditures to compile the report to be presented to the special joint committee is estimated to be not significant and can be handled with existing resources. For informational purposes, it should be noted that a resolution was passed by the 102nd General Assembly authorizing this study. The study has been completed but the report has not been reviewed by a special joint committee. It is assumed that the purpose of this resolution is merely to authorize a special joint committee to review the report and recommend legislation.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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